

Narberth Girl, Overseas 3 Years, To Return Home This Month

A Narberth girl who has been overseas since 1945, will soon be on her way "Stateside."

The young lady, Miss Elinor Abel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor D. Abel, of 18 Narbrook Park, has been serving as assistant to the Chief of the Tours Section for Special Services.

Miss Abel was sent overseas by the American Red Cross in July, 1945, and was assigned to the Pacific Theater for a year's duty. She returned from the Pacific for reassignment to Europe in November, 1946, and was stationed at the American Red Cross Club in Bad Nauheim, Germany. With the phase-out of the Red Cross activities in the American Command, Miss Abel was employed by the European Command Special Services in October, 1947.

Miss Abel's work in the Pacific Theater dealt mostly with club activities and after going to Germany, for the Tours Section, her duties entailed the planning and supervision of tours for American soldiers and occupation personnel to Switzerland, Italy, Paris and the French Riviera, and to the Scandinavian countries of Sweden, Denmark and Norway. Her duties also included the technical super-



MISS ELINOR ABEL

vision of rest centers operated by Special Services at Garmisch and Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps.

A graduate of Hood College, Maryland, Miss Abel served as enrollment officer at Harcum Junior College, Bryn Mawr, before joining the Red Cross.

Legion to Make Distinguished Service Award

Recipient's Identity To be Revealed on Armistice Day

The presentation to a Narberth resident of a Distinguished Service Award for outstanding contribution to the community of Narberth will be made at the annual Armistice Day banquet of the Harold D. Speakman Post of the American Legion.

The award will be made by Post Commander Guy Mosteller. The name of the person to receive the award will not be announced until the night of the banquet.

Guest speaker at the banquet will be Montgomery County's newly elected Congressman Samuel K. McConnell, Jr., of Wynnewood, who will have as his topic "Communism in Our Schools and Colleges." He will be introduced by former Post Commander Douglas Miner, who will act as master of ceremonies.

The dinner will be held at the Wynnewood House, Wynnewood, at 7 P. M., November 11. Plans call for an attendance of 100 members and guests.

Miss Evelyn Fleck, soprano, will present vocal selections.

Among the guests will be Commander of the Ninth District of the American Legion, Herbert M. Walker.

Social Security Payments Listed

Monthly old-age and survivors insurance payments being paid to qualified beneficiaries in the Montgomery County area total \$28,042, according to a report issued this week by the Social Security Office, Norristown.

The amount includes \$70,502 being paid to 2,629 retired workers 65 years of age or older; \$12,824 to 891 sixty-five-year-old wives of retired workers; and \$18,936 to 1,291 children under age eighteen. Also more than \$9,000 is being paid every month to 392 young widows with children under 18 in their care; more than \$16,000 to 759 aged widows of qualified workers; and \$306 a month to 20 aged dependent parents.

Marine Corps Men and Women Plan Ball to Mark 173rd USMC Birthday



John C. Clement, center, a first lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps, who was wounded on Iwo Jima, is sworn in as senior vice commander of the Philadelphia Suburban Detachment of the Marine Corps League at a ceremony held October 26 at Upper Darby. Administering the oath is Maurice Fagan, Philadelphia State Commander of the Marine Corps League, while the young veteran's father, Major General William T. Clement, of Washington, D. C., looks on. Young Clement, who lives at 629 Georges Lane, Ardmore, with his wife and their son, is a graduate of Yale and took his M. S. at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y. His father, at that time a colonel, got out of Corregidor on the submarine USS Snapper 12 hours before it fell.

The Philadelphia Suburban Detachment of the Marine Corps League will hold a birthday ball on Wednesday night, November 10, at the Club Del Rio, West Chester Pike and Eagle Rd., Manoa.

The date is the 173rd anniversary of the founding of the U. S. Marine Corps.

M/Sgt. Elmer W. Brodman, of 55 Upland Rd., Manoa, commander of the post, is chairman of the ball, with Mary Jane Graham,

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Narberth Registers 4-to-1 Lead for Dewey; McConnell Leads Ticket in Heavy Borough Vote

New Building Planned for Playground

Submit Sketch To Commission For Discussion

Council Will Back Erection of Bldg. For Locker Rooms

Tentative plans for a new building to be erected on the Narberth Community Playground have been submitted to the Borough Planning Commission by officials of the Narberth Borough Council.

The plans, roughly drawn up by Sterling M. Chain, chairman of the Property Committee of Council, will be discussed at a joint meeting of Council representatives and the Planning Commission to be held sometime this month.

The new building, according to Chain, will include locker room facilities for all teams using the playground, as well as public toilet facilities.

Chain stated, "The idea behind the new building is to accommodate the children who use the playground all summer long, and to provide for the members of the basketball teams who play on the courts five nights each week."

"The average attendance at the basketball games held during the summer," he added, "is between 900 and 1200 children, and they must be accommodated."

The new building, Chain said, would be located in the approximate vicinity of the present scoreboard, and would also include a new and modern scoreboard. The building will measure approximately 22 by 52 feet.

In a letter addressed last week to Bertine G. Simpson, chairman of the Planning Commission, Chain urged the immediate consideration of plans for the building, and stated that, "Council would undoubtedly approve, at once, adequate plans prepared for this project."

Chain included with his letter the rough sketch drawn up for the building, but added in the letter that in Council's opinion, "it does not include sufficient public toilet facilities."

Costs of the building, and plans, would be paid for by the Borough from funds received through the same Councilmanic bond issue which will be floated to pay for the \$20,000 property recently purchased by Council.

House Fire Routs Narberth Couple

Father Rescues Son, 2, At 4:30 A. M. Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Martin and their two-year-old son James were driven from their home at 231 Woodbine Ave., Narberth, for over an hour at 4:30 A. M. last Thursday when heavy smoke from a basement fire filled the house.

Martin, who was awakened by the smoke, first roused his wife, Viola, 24, an expectant mother, then took his son, climbed out the window onto the porch roof of the house and handed the boy to his next-door neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Caporino.

He then returned for his wife and the two were able to leave the house by the stairway.

Lower Merion Township Fire Marshal Harvey W. Benson, who estimated the damage at \$100 to the basement rafters and a corner section of the living room flooring, said the fire started in a pile of wood which had been ignited by the coal heater.

After Narberth firemen extinguished the flames, the Martins were able to return and resume their sleep. Martin is a carpenter.

Salvation Army Major Hurt in Wynnewood Crash

Major Herbert G. Sparks, 45, head of the Salvation Army branch in Pittsburgh, was seriously injured Wednesday afternoon when his automobile skidded into another vehicle as he was rounding a curve on Lancaster Ave., at Indian Creek Drive, Wynnewood.

Lower Merion Township police said the Sparks vehicle turned around several times before crashing into a westbound automobile driven by W. Charles Root, 35, of Philadelphia.

Taken to Bryn Mawr Hospital in a police ambulance Major Sparks was detained with fractures of the left shoulder and five ribs.

SALE OF ESTATE

Report of the sale by McMullin and McMullin of the estate of Jesse Allen Page, Morris Ave., Bryn Mawr, to J. Howard Pew for \$65,000 has been made.

The estate, known as "Colmar," is an authentic Colonial residence situated on 5 1/2 acres of property and has long been recognized as one of the outstanding estates in the community.



Mary Elizabeth Cooper, of 107 Woodside Ave., Narberth, and Esperanza Seco de Lucena, of 109 Chestnut Ave., Narberth, caught the spirit of Halloween with this painting which won first prize in the Narberth area in the Main Line Junior Chamber of Commerce's Halloween art contest.

Barnard Dean To Speak Here

Shipley School Will Open Fund Drive

Dean Millicent Carey McIntosh of Barnard College, N. Y., will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Shipley School, Bryn Mawr, tomorrow evening at 8 P. M., opening the campaign for the Shipley Half-Century Fund, of \$350,000.

Mrs. McIntosh, who is regarded as one of the nation's foremost women educators, will speak on "The Importance of the Independent School to a Democracy."

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer, Headmistress of the Shipley School, will preside at the meeting of the alumnae and parents. J. Tyson Stokes, a trustee of the school, will explain the objectives of the Shipley Half-Century fund.

Mrs. Horace Binney Hare, also a school trustee, is chairman of the campaign. Sponsors include the Honorable Lambert Cadwalader, Mrs. William J. Clothier, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Mrs. Graeme Lorimer, President Katharine McBride of Bryn Mawr College, the Honorable Robert P. Patterson, former Secretary of War, Dr. Frederic C. Sharpless, Harry A. Batten, Mrs. Frederic March and Mrs. Thomas White.

Burglars Loot Six Homes

Burglars broke into six houses in Overbrook Hills and Wynnewood Sunday night and ransacked them of numerous small articles and cash. The lot, according to Lower Merion Township Police, totaled over \$1,000.

The first theft was reported by Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Mankin, of 1354 Ardmore Rd., Overbrook Hills. They discovered their home had been ransacked shortly before 8 o'clock.

While detectives were making a preliminary check there, the second burglary was reported by Samuel N. Nafziger, of 1358 Overbrook Rd., also Overbrook Hills. Then, two other Overbrook Hills residents, Charles H. Lakas, of 1359 Garden Rd., and Peter Glanopoulos, of 1361 Garden Rd., informed police they also were victims.

Within another hour, two more burglaries were reported. Homes of Dr. Gregory Salisbury, of 1314 Sussex Rd., and Edward H. Burk, of 1023 Indian Creek Rd., both Wynnewood, were entered.

Services Held For Powell Evans

Powell Evans, of Gray's Lane, Haverford, chairman of the board of directors of Merchant and Evans Co. and the Autostop Co., died Thursday at his home. He was 80.

Mr. Evans, an engineer and manufacturer of electric refrigeration machines and fire control devices and metals, was in past years active as an independent political leader. In 1932 he was an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia as an independent Republican.

Services were held Saturday at his home. Interment was private.

Surviving are his wife, the former Julia Estelle Merchant; a daughter, Mrs. Henry A. Adams, of Bryn Mawr; two brothers, Thomas Evans and James D. Evans, and three sisters.

Just for the Record

In last week's issue of Our Town we said that Jack Middleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Middleton, of Shirley Rd., was attending the University of Maine. This week we were told that Jack is attending Lafayette College. In fact, he is a Junior there.

Jack went up to the University of Maine recently to investigate courses, but returned to Lafayette where, we understand, he is making quite a name for himself playing soccer.

It would be nice, wouldn't it, if the Borough Highway Department facilities were expanded enough to care for the overflow of fallen leaves in the streets. It's almost impossible for property owners to clean them up, and under Borough ordinances, it is against the law to burn them on the streets. Anyway, most everyone we know is going around muttering,

"I wish that I may never see, 'A leaf that's fallen from a tree'..."

Puss Triumphant... Two Siamese cats owned by Mr. and Mrs. James McCaffrey, of 91 Windsor Ave., Narberth, copied prizes in the Pennsylvania State Cat Club show held last week at Town Hall, Philadelphia.

Kubla Khan of Penny Green won two first prizes as the best in class and Susie-Q of Penny Green won a prize as second best in class.

The McCaffreys expect to enter the prize-winning felines in the cat show to be held November 18 and 19 at the Stephen Girard Hotel, Philadelphia.

Congratulations, Narberth! According to official Borough reports, not one single report of malicious mischief or property damage was reported during the Halloween weekend.

That report speaks well for both the 14 deputy policemen sworn in for duty by Burgess Richard L. Miller and the Borough youngsters.

Of course that report didn't mention the miles of chalk scribbled on Borough streets, or the hundreds of cakes of soap which were used on glass doors and windows.

One resident we know had almost as much fun as the kids. He spent most of the evening with a nose chasing any youngster who came near his house. "It makes it more fun when you're chased," he explained.

Shades of the Civil War!

One Borough voter skipped all the Presidential candidates listed on the official ballot in Tuesday's election and wrote in the name of the Dixiecrat candidate, J. Strom Thurmond. Somebody better carry that character back to old Virginia—we mean South Carolina.

Rotarians to Hear Talk On 'Armistice Day'

Lt. Col. James E. Gallagher, of Wynwyd, will address the meeting Tuesday, November 9, of the Bala-Cynwyd - Narberth Rotary Club on the subject "What Does Armistice Day Mean to You?"

A graduate of St. Joseph's College and of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, Colonel Gallagher is a member of the Bar Association of Philadelphia. During World War II he served as a member of the Judges' Advocate Department of the U. S. Army.

The program will be under the direction of Robert G. Middleton, chairman of the Community Service Committee.

Winners of PTA Contest Listed

Membership Now 370, Hope for 500

Winners of the annual membership contest of the Narberth Parent-Teachers Association were announced at a meeting of the executive board of the group held last evening in the Narberth Public School.

The two grades in the school which had the largest percentage of parents belonging to the Association were 4-1, Miss Shield, 97 percent, and 2-1, Mrs. Gold, 85 percent.

A party will be given for the pupils of the two grades during the Christmas season. With a present membership of 370, the Association hopes to reach a membership of 500 by the end of the year.

Mrs. G. Odell Fletcher is chairman of the membership committee.

The meeting, under the direction of the Rev. Harold Flood, president, included committee reports and discussion of plans for future meetings. Mrs. B. R. Eberley, chairman of the Budget and Finance committee, stated that the dues of the organization had again been asked to participate in the Christmas program at Strawbridge & Clothier's Ardmore store.

Sterling M. Chain, program chairman, stated that Miss Lucille Noble, American exchange teacher to England, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the P.T.A. to be held November 15. Miss Noble will speak of her experiences during her stay in England.

Man Slain in Argument

A Philadelphia man was shot to death Saturday morning in the stableyard of a riding academy in Pencoyd during a fight over a \$58 bill for stabling his horse.

Mrs. Rachel Anna Leckman, 38-year-old wife of the riding academy proprietor, was arrested by Lower Merion Township police on homicide charges, and her husband, Alfred J., 38, was held as an accessory.

The victim was identified by police as Benjamin McNeil, 37, of 1634 N. Alden St., who rode frequently from the academy, known as A's Riding Academy, Glenn Rd., north of Monument Rd.

At a hearing before Justice of the Peace Franklin P. Kromer Monday night, Mrs. Leckman was held without bail for the next term of Montgomery County Court.

Captain William Shaffer said that McNeil's horse, Prince, had been stalled at the riding academy for some time and that a dispute over the board bill had been going on for several weeks. Leckman, he said, refused to let McNeil take the horse until the bill was paid.

Detective Sergeant James Smyth said it was the township's first homicide in nine years.

Illinois Woman Hurt In Truck-Car Collision

Mrs. Gertrude Hasselburg, 37, of Forrest Park, Ill., suffered a fracture of the left ankle Wednesday afternoon, when the car in which she was a passenger skidded into the rear of a truck on Lancaster Ave., at Argyle Rd., Ardmore. She was treated at Bryn Mawr Hospital.

Lower Merion police said her husband, William, 39, was driving east on Lancaster Ave., when his car skidded into a truck driven by Robert G. Nelson, 20, of Norwood.

More Than 82 Percent of Voters Turn Out to Give GOP Consistent Lead in Every Contest on Ballot; Slight Vote Shown For Minority Parties

Narberth rolled up one of its best Republican majorities Tuesday to give Thomas E. Dewey 2396 votes against 63 for Harry S. Truman.

With a better than 82 percent turnout of the Borough's 3729 registered voters, the GOP had a consistent four-to-one lead in every contest.

Halloween Art Contest Winner Awarded Prizes

Jaycees' Project Hailed As a Success as 289 Participate in Local Area

First prize winners in the Narberth area in the Halloween art contest sponsored by the Main Line Junior Chamber of Commerce were Mary Elizabeth Cooper, age 12, of 107 Woodside Ave., and Esperanza Seco de Lucena, age 13, of 109 Chestnut Ave., Narberth, both students at Narberth Public School.

The prize-winning picture which they executed as a team showing a group of children in costume for Halloween festivities was painted on the window of the Penn Valley Drug Company, Montgomery Ave., Narberth.

Judges toured the Main Line area from Narberth to Wayne Sunday afternoon in a convoy with a motorcycle escort provided by Lower Merion Township and Radnor Township Police.

The Narberth area winners were among the 30 who were honored at a dinner Wednesday evening at which they were awarded the prizes. First prize awards were table model radios given by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The presentations were made by James L. Cox, of Wayne, contest committee chairman. The dinner was held at the Viking Inn, Bryn Mawr.

The project known as Operations Halloween was the first ever held in the Main Line area. Inaugurated as a means of preventing the usual Halloween destruction it received the whole-hearted support of schools and Main Line merchants who contributed over 300 window spaces. 289 students in grades 7 to 12 participated. Each was assigned to a window nearest his home and provided with paint and utensils by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The contest area covered Narberth, Ardmore, Bryn Mawr and Wayne.

The second prize in the Narberth area was awarded to Jocelyn Vars, with third prize going to Joanne Carr. The following received honorable mention: Priscilla Freeman, Faith Lillis and Betty Lou Oberdorfer, Barbara Crowell and Betty Ann Pedan and Mary McTighe.

The judges were Mrs. Samuel J. McCartney, of 405 Woodside Ave., Narberth, a director of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs and of the Women's Community Club of Narberth; Robert H. Harris, of Bryn Mawr, President of the Main Line Board of Realtors; Mrs. Harry T. Saylor, of 187 Lakeside Rd., Ardmore; William Lloyd, of Narberth, President of the Ardmore Branch of the Pennsylvania Company; Walter E. L. Irvin, of Ardmore, President of the Main Line Chamber of Commerce; Edward York, of Wayne, President of the Wayne Lions Club; and C. L. Warwick, President of the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce committee responsible for the success of the project was headed by James L. Cox, of Wayne, and included Eugene C. Swift, George Sayers, Joseph E. Morris, Harry G. Uphouse, William L. Drury, Barclay Hallows, Bill Bradley, Lawrence V. Drury, Jr., Henry L. Toland, John R. Graham, Edwin Marshall, Jack Molynaux, Frederick P. Ristine, Jr., David McKee, Joseph J. Duffy, Albert Vick, George Mohr and David Randall.

Jack O'Lantern Starts BM Fire;

A Bryn Mawr mother Saturday evening rescued her three young children from a flaming room after a jack o'lantern flared up and set fire to curtains in the living room.

Mrs. Charles Russell, of 810 Railroad Ave., Bryn Mawr, had set the lighted lantern in the window just after dark. About 8:30 P. M. the lantern burst into flames spreading in all directions from the window.

Mrs. Russell rushed into the living room where her two oldest children, Lee, 3 and Sherry, one-and-a-half years old, were sitting on the sofa. She took them to the back yard and returned for the third child, Tina, four months, who was asleep in her crib upstairs.

In order to reach the child's crib on the second floor she had to run through the burning room and retrace her steps through the flames carrying Tina.

Lower Merion police said her husband, William, 39, was driving east on Lancaster Ave., when his car skidded into a truck driven by Robert G. Nelson, 20, of Norwood.

Congressman Samuel K. McConnell, Jr., of nearby Wynnewood picked up in Narberth's three voting districts 2397 of the 35,094 vote which sent him back to Washington for another term. His opponent Harry H. Kelly, Ambler Democrat, polled 646 in Narberth and 420 in Montgomery County as a whole. Comparable margins were given by Narberth voters to the rest of the Republican candidates.

State Representative Lamb Cadwalader piled up 2375 votes despite the fact that his Democratic opponent, Emily Ehle, is Narberth resident. Her tally was 669.

For State Treasurer, the Borough gave Republican Charles Barber 2376 votes, against 658 of the Democrat, William J. Lane. The vote for State Auditor General was 2366 for Republican W. Don B. Heyburn and 669 for Democrat Ramsey Black.

Narberth gave only a handful of scattered votes to the minority parties. Henry Wallace and Glen Taylor, the Progressive Party standard-bearers, polled 15 votes, while Norman Thomas and Tucker Smith, Socialists, received 13. Claude Wilson and Dale Learn, of the Prohibition Party, got one vote.

Chase on Bridge Ends in Arrest

Narberth Motorist Held in \$500 Bail

William B. Griscorn, Jr., 41, Old Gulph Rd., Narberth, was arrested Thursday on charges of drunken driving and assault on a battery on an officer, after he Philadelphia police on a chase across Delaware River Bridge. He gave one of them a poke when he tried to collar him.

According to police, Griscorn paid his 20-cent toll and thought that entitled him to cross bridge. The toll collector, believing him intoxicated, thought otherwise and ordered him to pull over. Instead he stepped on the gas a shot out of sight outdistancing several cars which took up the chase.

He was finally overtaken at St. in Camden, when his car 2 out of gas. Bridge Policeman Victor Perri said that when he approached the car Griscorn leapt out of the window and hit him the mouth with his fist.

Griscorn was arraigned before Camden Police Court Judge J. R. DiMona, Friday morning and released under \$500 bail for a further hearing.

MOTORCYCLIST INJURED

Ed B. Stanley, 20, of 19 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, suffered possible concussion and multiple bruise burns of the body Tuesday night when he was bounced off motorcycle on a rough road section of Lancaster Ave., west Cheswood Lane, Haverford. A passing motorist took him to Bryn Mawr Hospital.

Narberth School Notes

News from the sports won. Narberth won its game with Germantown Falls School. The score was 39 to 0. Germantown fouled but Narberth went ahead with the game.

Narberth's next game will with Lansdowne November 10. The girls' hockey game this weekend in a tie: Reds, 1; and Grays, 1. Irma Hall Rees made the Red only goal and Jenny Lowe Gor made the Grays' only goal.

The chorus this year has gotten off to a fast start. There are members from the sixth, seventh, eighth grades. The members are learning new Christmas music. They hope the chorus will be a big success.

Halloween was all around Narberth School Friday afternoon. The assembly period was the time for the party of the higher grades but the lower grades had the party all afternoon. Many pup from the first to the fifth grade dressed in costumes for their parties.

Halloween also brought to life the painting of the store window by the pupils from different schools. Many pupils were chosen to paint these windows. We know it judges will have a hard time choosing the best window for the prize. It was a worthwhile experience and it also provided a lot of fun for the pupils who painted the windows.

The first edition of the Sun Di as received Friday by the people Press Club is already starting on its way for the next edition.

